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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 23, 2001

APPLICATION OF

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000144

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity to  
provide local exchange  
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On October 4, 2000, Premiere Network Services of Virginia, Inc. ("Premiere" or "the Company"), completed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

By Order dated November 17, 2000, the Commission directed the Company to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to Premiere's application. On January 3,

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<sup>1</sup> The original application requested both local exchange and interexchange authority. The filing was subsequently amended to request only local exchange authority since the Company's interexchange telecommunications services will be provided on a resold basis in Virginia.

2001, Premiere, by counsel, filed a motion requesting the Commission to accept late-filed proof of publication of notice and establish a new schedule to serve such notice and to file proof of service. The Commission granted the motion by Order of January 5, 2001.

On February 1, 2001, Staff filed its Report finding that Premiere's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules"). Based upon its review of Premiere's application, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant the Company a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the following conditions: (1) the Company shall provide audited financial statements of its parent, Premiere Network Services, Inc., to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the date of Premiere's initial tariff; and (2) should the Company collect customer deposits, Premiere shall establish and maintain an escrow account held by an unaffiliated third party for such funds, notify Staff of the escrow arrangement, and maintain the account until such time as the Staff or the Commission determines it is no longer necessary.

A hearing was conducted on February 13, 2001. Premiere filed proof of publication and proof of service on January 17, 2001, as required by the January 5, 2001, Order. At the

hearing, the application with all supplements and amendments, and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection. The Company, by counsel, agreed to comply with all conditions recommended by the Staff above. No public witnesses appeared.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application, testimony, and the Staff Report, finds that the Company should be granted a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Premiere Network Services of Virginia, Inc., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-540, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service, § 56-265.4.4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) Should the Company collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account, held by an unaffiliated third party for such funds and shall notify the Division of Economics and Finance of the escrow arrangement. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this Order shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or Commission determines is necessary.

(3) The Company shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform to all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(4) The Company shall provide audited financial statements of its parent, Premiere Network Services, Inc., to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of Premiere's initial tariff.

(5) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.